(c) whether Government propose mobilising political parties to promote family planning. and

(d) if so, what is the assistance required?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Voluntary Organisations in the medical, health and socio-economic sectors are being encouraged to play an active role in the implementation of family welfare programme.

Financial assistance to such voluntary organisations is being provided directly by the Central Government or through the state Government who have been delegated powers to sanction grant-in-aid for an individual scheme as per approved pattern up to Rs. 5 lakh per annum. The schemes relate to provision of services, motivation, training and research.

(b) 1982-83 —Rs. 288·32 crores.

1983-84 —Rs. 382·98 crores.

1984-85 —Rs. 289·99 crores.

(Provosional ffgures)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Political leaders including M.Ps. have been urged to lend their active assistance and support to promote acceptance of family welfare programme.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act

1101. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that study group constituted by the Department of Surface Transport have made a number of recommendations for amending the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, what is the gist of main recommendations;

(c) what is the Government decision on these recommendations; and

(d) by when the Act is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major recommendations made in the report of the Working Group on the comprehensive Review of the Major Vehicles Act, 1939 include:—

(1) removal of multiplicity of permits for goods vehicles by recommending only two categories, namely, the intra-state and inter-state permits;

(2) Revised Scheme for all-India tourist permits for buses where the permit holder can chose a minimum of five States including home-State for operations, without counter-signature requirement and with facility of single-point taxation;

(3) Inclusion of new schemes such as Rent-a-Cab system, Vehicles on lease-agreement.

(4) Insertion of new categories of Vehicles such as mini-bus, maxi-cab camping trailers vans private service Vehicles, trackless trolly etc.

(5) Simplification of procedure of grant of permits such as initial grant of State-wide permits for goods vehicles and contract carriages and automatic renewal for

all types of permits, uniform validity for five years.

(6) Issuance of driving Licences after strict and comprehensive tests preceded by three-months training in a recognised Driver Training School on the basis of learners licences. Medical fitness certificate for every renewal of driving licence. Re-action tests for driver if involved in fatal accident. Provision for accountability of medical officer and the officer who conducts driving test.

(7) Laying down of standards in respect of critical components of vehicle from the point of road safety and control of noise-and-air pollution to be observed before the registration of vehicle.

(8) Enabling powers for the Central Government to fix the age limits for transport vehicles.

(9) In place of existing procedure for fixing fares for stage carriage by the State Government the new one suggested as through approvals of State legislations.

(10) Fixing of a time-limit of one year for initiating, approving and implementing the scheme of operation by State Transport Undertakings, with a provision for private operation on lapsing of the Scheme.

(11) Filing, before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, of a copy of FIR by the police Officer investgating the motor Vehicle accident involving death or serious injury and empowering the Tribunal to treat such FIR as application for compensation, at its discretion.

(12) On transfer of ownership of motor vehicle, automatic transfer of policy of insurance.

(13) Deterrant penalties and fines for violation of traffic regulations including violation of safety and pollution control standard, as also standards for transportation of hazardous and explosive material.

(14) As a part of traffic control responsibility cast on state Governments to set up Traffic-Aid Posts for implementing Highway Patrolling Schemes and establishing truck Parking complexes along highways.

(c) and (d) Recommendation are being processed for taking final decision regarding acceptance or otherwise of the same.

Sale of Tranquilliser drugs in the country

1102. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of preparations of various drugs with tranquillisers is being marketed in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain reports have appeared about the combination of certain drugs with tranquillisers acting a poison to alcoholic patients;

(c) if so, the names of the combinations allowed marketing containing tranquillisers alongwith other drugs inducing deaths while having with other central nervous system-drugs;

(d) wheher there is any such move to ban the use of such combination of drugs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.